

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 22nd November 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Dover's Winter Light Up Festival – Saturday, 7th December

The children in Class 6 had a fantastic day today, making lanterns for Dover's Winter Light Up Festival.

Miss Whiscomb, Class 6 teacher, reports:

Two visiting artists arrived with bundles of willow, PVA glue and special tissue paper to construct 3D 'star' lanterns. The children persevered to make their structures and impressed our guests by working together to achieve a goal. The lanterns are now drying, ready for the Festival on 7th December. Please see below for details of the event if you would like to attend with your child:

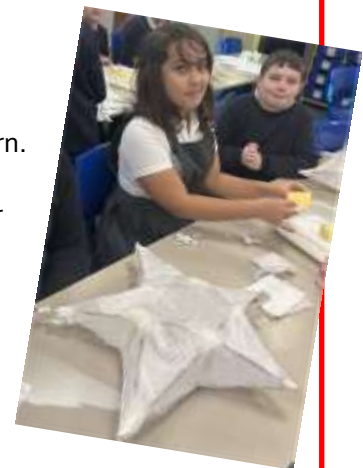
Saturday, 7th December 2024

Start Location: Pencester Gardens CT16 1BT

4.00pm - 4.20pm - Arrive at Pencester Gardens to collect your lantern.

4.45pm - Procession lines up and the lanterns are lit.

5.00pm - Procession leaves Pencester, and will return to Pencester for the finale.



Breakfast Bagels

This time last year we began our work in partnership with the National School Breakfast Programme to provide the opportunity for all children to have a free breakfast bagel each morning upon their arrival to school. Bagels are served warm and are available each morning to all children within each year group. Children in Key Stage 2 are served a half bagel per morning, and children in Key Stage 1 are served a quarter bagel. This programme runs in addition to our Breakfast Club provision and is for all children. There is no cost to families.

Parent-Carer Consultations

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at our parent/carer teacher meetings next week. Meetings will be held in the hall, so please come to the main reception. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher.

Mr Lamprell and I will also be present so do take the opportunity to speak to us too if you wish. If you have children with you they should sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment and either join you at the teacher's table or continue to sit quietly on the waiting chairs; thank you for your support with this.

If you are coming to an appointment between 1:00pm and 3:00pm and wish to take your child(ren) home straight after the appointment then let the class teacher know and we will organise your child coming from class to meet you in the hall. Your child will benefit from you attending this meeting with the class teacher and we thank you for coming in to see us.

Class 1 Dover Library Visit

Class 1 visited Dover library this week, for many children it was their first ever visit to a library. The library staff were very welcoming and showed the children where the different types of books were stored. The children also had the opportunity to use the library special scanning machine! We listened to a funny story and then the children all chose a book to borrow and keep in class. Every class will have a turn at visiting the library to choose a book and in the New Year we will visit again to return them and choose our next book! Class 6 will be visiting next on Tuesday 26th November.



Christmas is Coming!

I hope you all saw the Christmas letter which came out recently – we look forward to seeing you all at our various events which celebrate the festive period.

Reception Class 2025

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. We have been overwhelmed with the number of New Intake Tours that Mr Lamprell has carried out already and are really pleased to meet with these families. Please remember to contact the office on 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net if you or anyone you know has a child due to start school.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Jasmine** as she always tries her best and is a kind friend to others. Jasmine has wowed us this week with her super handwriting and reading. Well done Jasmine!

Class 1 – **Joe** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he always tries his very hardest in every lesson. Joe has shown excellent understanding when counting to 20, and has worked hard to improve the consistency of his handwriting. Well done Joe!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Noah**. Noah is an exceptional young learner who has shown remarkable qualities in and out of the classroom. He has been incredibly attentive, always paying close attention during lessons and activities. Keep up the fantastic work Noah!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Eric**! Eric has been trying his best in every lesson and has produced some fantastic work. He has enjoyed our maths lessons, and has really given his all. Eric is such a kind soul and really cares about his friends. Well done Eric!

Class 4 – **Laura** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class as her effort and determination has really shone! Laura has impressed us in maths, despite finding this a challenge, and she always has a smile on her face. Well done Laura – we are very proud of you!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Lara** as she has tried very hard in English this week and impressed us with her willingness to learn. Lara has progressed brilliantly in swimming and we are all so proud of her. Well done Lara!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class has really impressed us with their superb focus in class. They have been attentive and really listened carefully to instructions. They have also demonstrated excellent teamwork to complete a science experiment. Well done – a brilliant week!



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

There was great discussion in Collective Worship this week as the children focused on the importance of making right choices and being kind to one another. The pupils were able to make clear links with our school's Christian values and three school rules: be safe, be kind, be ready to learn. It was shared that Christians often ask themselves 'What would Jesus do?' to decide how they should treat others. The account of an individual whom everyone hated, Zacchaeus the chief tax collector, helped the children see how Jesus treated someone who had become isolated and ostracised. I wonder how you would react if you saw someone being treated unkindly? I wonder why it is important to stand up and be a 'voice for the voiceless'?

Valuable discussion continued as the children shared thoughtful responses around 'good choices' and how this enables us as individuals, but also our school community, to grow and flourish - celebrating difference, respecting others and including everyone in all that we do were key points for reflection.

Thought for the Week



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - FISHER - 197 points
- 2nd - RAMSEY - 178 points
- 3rd - LANG - 167 points
- 4th - TEMPLE - 157 points



Go with the Flo....

Coughs and Colds

An average primary school child has 3-8 coughs or colds per year. Some children will have more than this. Sometimes several coughs or colds occur one after the other. Viral infections are extremely common in young children so it is therefore important that your child is taught to cover their mouth or nose when they cough or sneeze. They also need to be encouraged to dispose of used tissues in the bin immediately after use. Children must also wash their hands after blowing their noses and using their hand to shield their mouth/nose whilst coughing or sneezing.

Children can attend school whilst they have a cough or cold and we would actively encourage children to do so as most cough and colds do not stop a child from learning and it is important for your child's educational progress that they are in school every day. If your child has a cold and you would like them to be given medication during the school day please give the medicine to the school office and they will ensure that the medicine is given to your child as per your instructions.

Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

The winning House for best attendance this week is...
TEMPLE !!



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 3 - 86 points
- 2nd - Class 1 - 83 points
- 3rd - Class 2 - 81 points

Term 2 2024

Monday 25th November:

**Class 5 Swimming
Parent / Carer Consultations – Classes R to 6**

Tuesday 26th November:

**Parent / Carer Consultations – Classes R, 3 & 6
Class R Parent Singing Celebration – 9:00am
Class 6 Library Visit
Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3
Creative Paperwork – Seasonal Crafts Parent Workshop – 3:15pm**

Wednesday 27th November:

**KS2 Pantomime Trip
Class 5 Swimming**

Thursday 28th November:

**Parent / Carer Consultations – Classes 1, 2, 4 & 5
Class 4 Ukulele Sessions
Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6**

Friday 29th November:

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

**Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
Matthew Lamprell – Head of School
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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

FOR COLLECTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
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Naughty November
1ST NOVEMBER - 30TH NOVEMBER
IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
WE ASK KINDLY THAT EACH
ORGANISATION
PARTICIPATING IN OUR FOOD
FIGHT COLLECTION, COLLECT
CHRISTMAS SWEETS AND
TREATS.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2025

Apply online at

[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Tuesday 5 November 2024 and closes at
midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025

For children born between
1 September 2020
and **31 August 2021**,
Transferring to Primary school
in **September 2025**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Tuesday 5 November 2024** and closes at **midnight on Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Wednesday 16 April 2025**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Wednesday 30 April 2025**.

A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Tuesday 5 November 2024	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Wednesday 15 January 2025	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 16 April 2025	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .
Wednesday 30 April 2025	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 20 May 2025	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council if the child resides at a Kent address. If your child does **not** reside at a Kent address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Lunch Menu – Week 1
Week beginning Monday 25th November 2024

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.50 a day**. **This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance.** Please note payment details below: -

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Sort Code - 60-60-08
 Account Number - 83294082
 Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

		Menu - November 2024 - March 2025		
		Week One 04/11/25/11/06/01/27/01/24/02/17/03	Week Two 11/11/02/12/13/01/03/02/03/0324/03	Week Three 18/11/05/11/20/01/10/02/10/03/31/03
Monday	Option 1	Home-made Pizza	Mac n Cheese	Pea & Basil Pesto Pasta
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Pasta Provencale	Tomato Pasta
	served with	Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Dough Balls Peas & Sweetcorn	Garlic Flatbread Peas & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Tuesday	Option 1	Beef Burger	Breaded Chicken Steak	Mild Chicken Curry
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage	Veggie Nuggets	Veggie Bolognese with Pasta
	served with	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Jacket Wedges Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Rice Carrots & Green Beans
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Wednesday	Option 1	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy	Roast Pork with Gravy
	Option 2	Veggie Pie	Quorn Sausage & Gravy	Winter Vegetable Bake
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Thursday	Option 1	Pork Meatballs	Lasagne	Sausage Roll Slice & Gravy
	Option 2	Meatless Meatballs	Veggie Burritos	Quorn Sausage Roll
	served with	Pasta Carrots & Green Beans	Garlic Bread Peas & Cauliflower	Mash Peas & Carrots
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Raspberry Buns Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	*Cheese Puff	Curried Veggie Pasty	*Pizza Whirl
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly

 Suitable for Vegetarians
 Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians
 Contains Fish

All items are subject to availability

All items with * can be made Vegan Friendly

www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk